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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
(X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/552,669 filed April 19, 2000

Title Fault Tolerant Data Storage Systems and Methods of Operating a Fault Tolerant Data Storage System

Name of applicant(s) Robert Rust, Barry J. Oldfield, Steven Shrader, Christine Grund, Christopher W. Johansson

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional  
of copending application number 09/552,669 filed on April 19, 2000  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

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Other Amendments

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- (X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

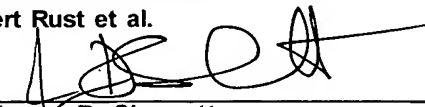
CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	31 — 20	11	X \$18	\$ 198
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 — 3	2	X \$86	\$ 172
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$290	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$340.00 ); Utility (\$770.00 )				\$ 770
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 1,140
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 1,140

Charge \$ 1,140 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rust et al.

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